

Collision Avoidance System NASA LICENSING WEBINAR



NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center
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Agenda for Today's Webinar

- Welcome and Logistics
- Technology Overview
- Licensing Opportunities
- Q & A



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Armstrong Flight Research Center

Advancing technology & science through flight

- Multi-disciplinary flight research
- Cutting-edge range & aircraft test facilities
- Flight systems & test technique development
- Diverse fleet of experimental & test aircraft
 - Piloted and unpiloted
- Airborne remote sensing & science observation



Armstrong Technology Transfer Office



Manages commercialization of innovations

Facilitates research collaborations
(e.g., Space Act Agreements)

Supports utilization of SBIR and STTR results for
NASA mission use and commercialization



Armstrong's Technology Portfolio

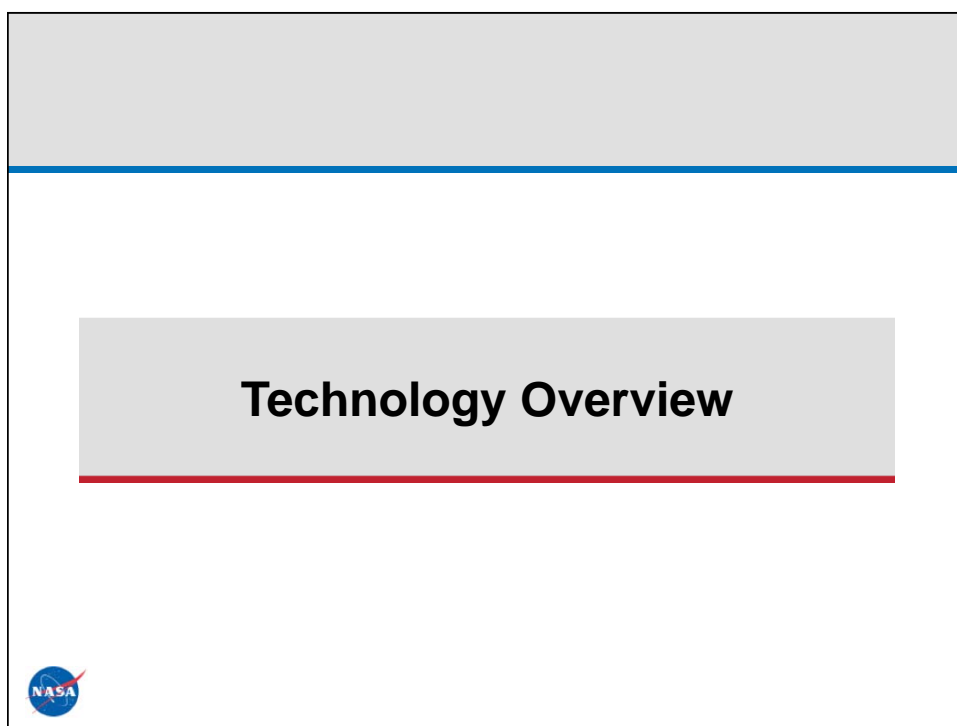
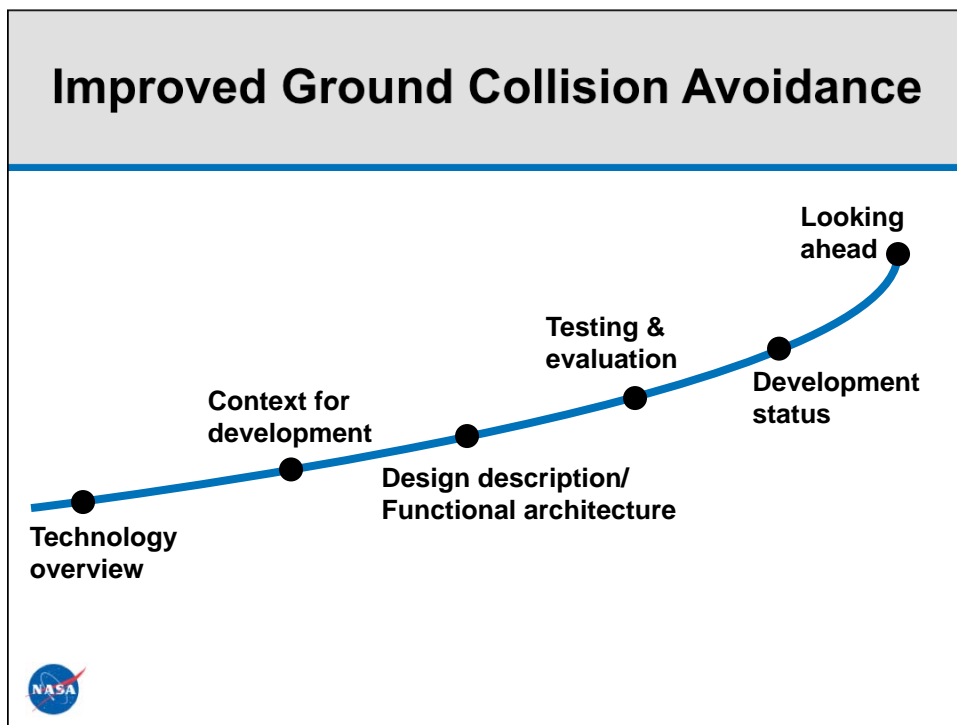
Sample Innovations

Control systems
Sensors
Software packages

Real-World Impacts

Improve flight and pilot safety
Help fight forest fires
Enhance security monitoring





Technologies Available for Licensing

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Preventing Controlled Flight into Terrain (CFIT)

System includes:

- High-fidelity terrain mapping
- Enhanced vehicle performance modeling
- Multi-directional avoidance techniques
- Efficient data handling
- User-friendly warnings
- Flexible platform
 - Variety of aircraft
 - Avionics system, mobile app-based, electronic flight bag (EFB)



Applications



Technology Overview

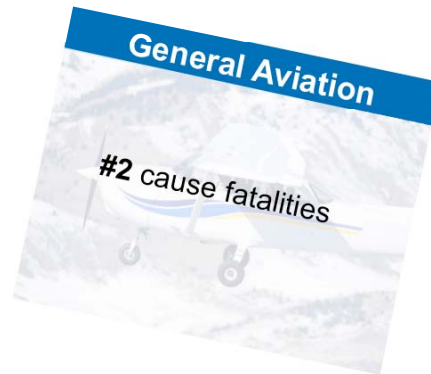
Context for Development



Video: <http://www.nasa.gov/offices/ipp/centers/dfrc/technology/DRC-012-033-collision-avoidance.html>

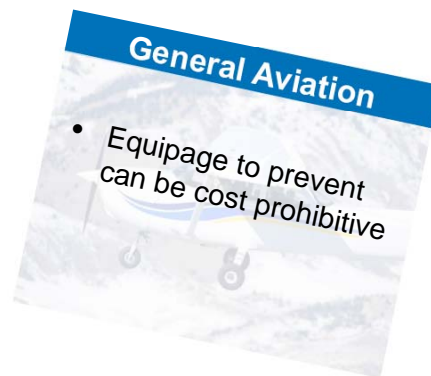
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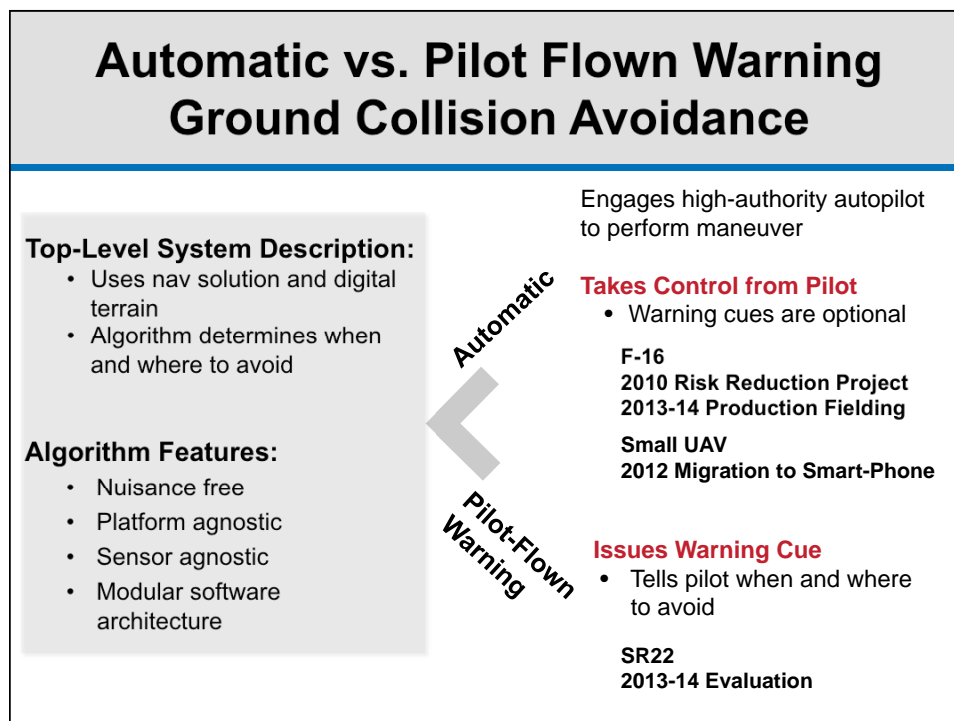
1. Controlled flight into terrain or midair collisions



Reasons Collision Avoidance Improvements Are Needed

2. Existing solutions unsuccessful or impractical





Technology Overview

Design Description and Functional Architecture



Guiding Principles

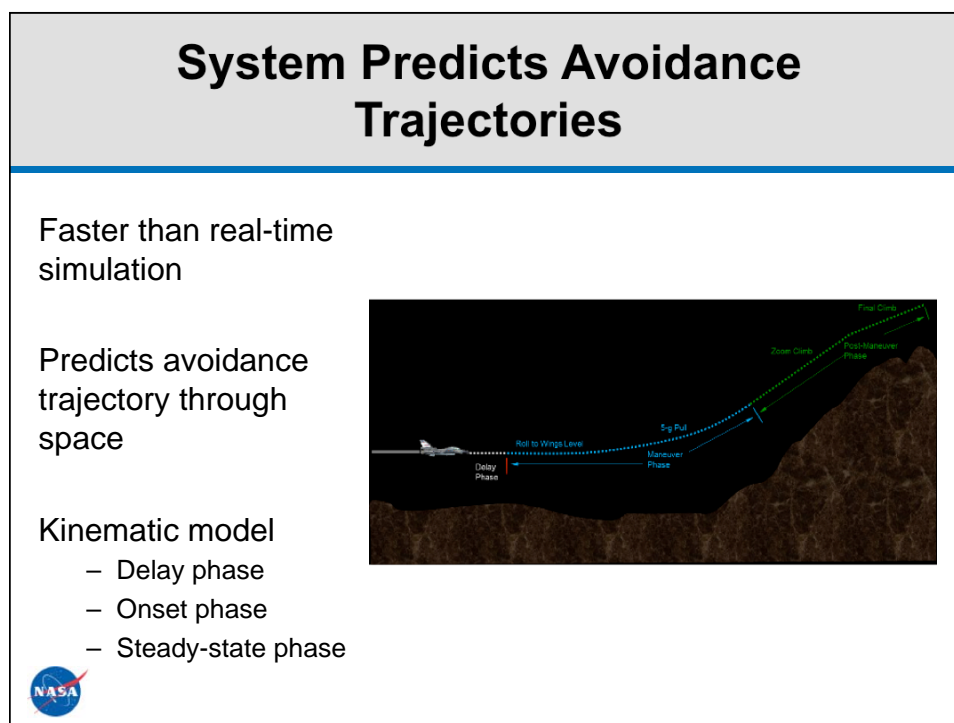
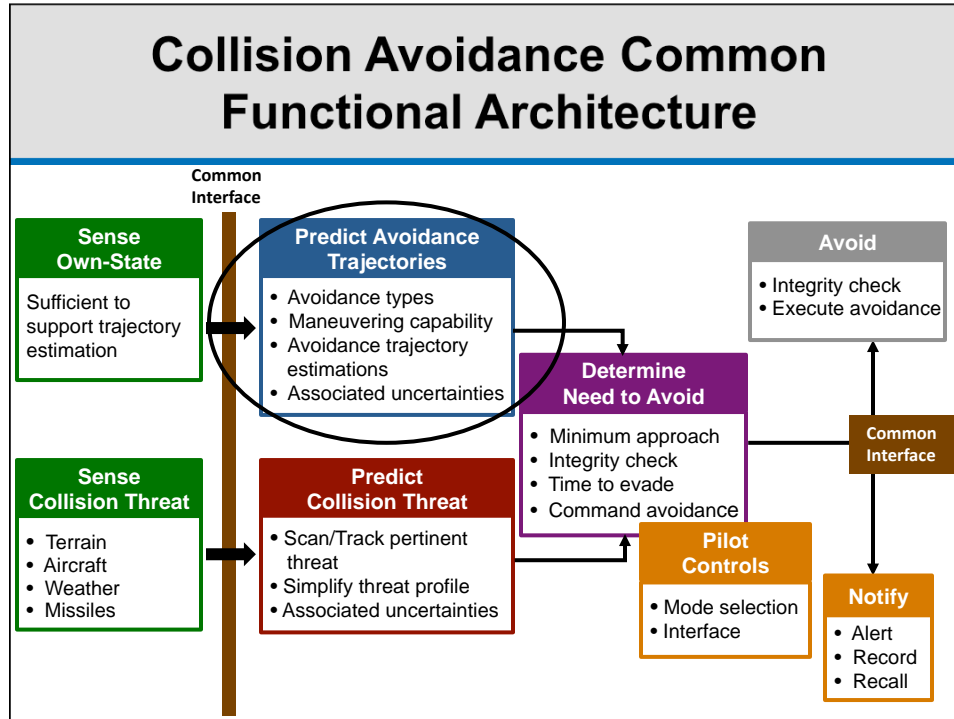
Requirements

- Do no harm
- Do not impede
- Avoid collision

Approach

- Codified
- Modularly partitioned at the functional level





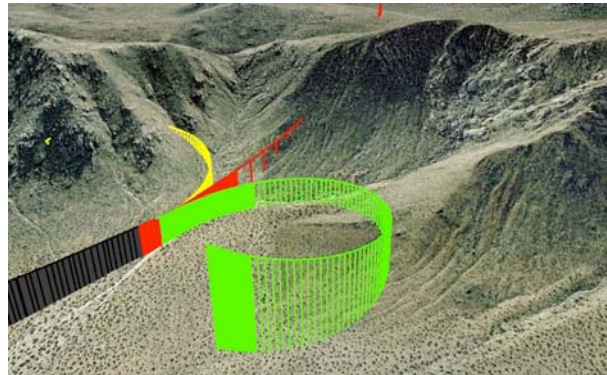
System Predicts Avoidance Trajectories

Faster than real-time simulation




Predicts avoidance trajectory through space

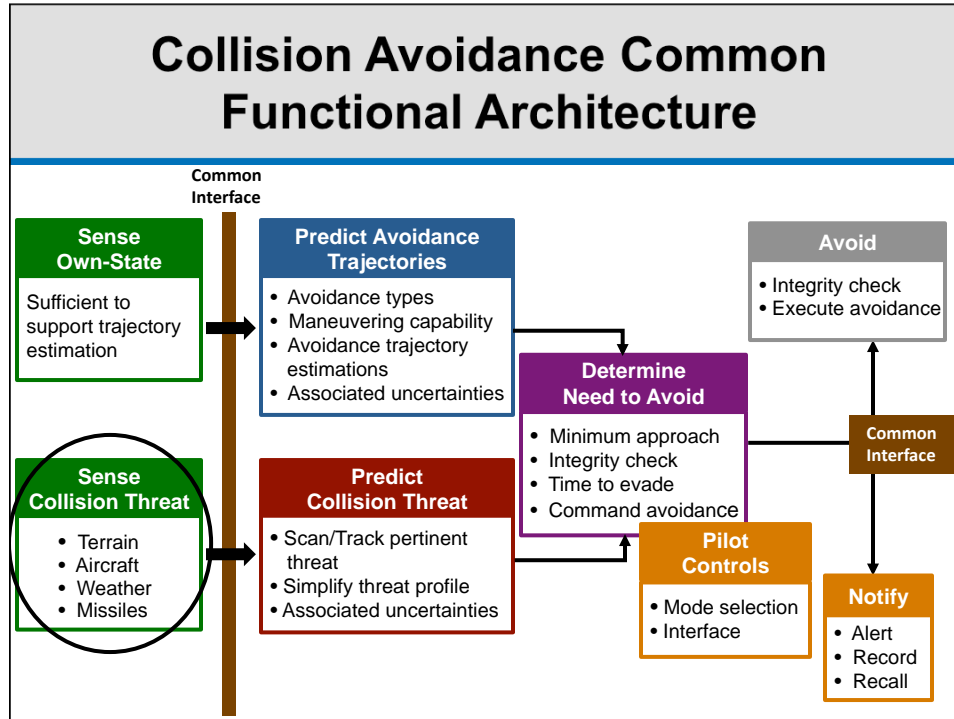
Kinematic model

- Delay phase
- Onset phase
- Steady-state phase



System Predicts Avoidance Trajectories

| | F-16 System | Small UAV System | GA System (SR22) |
|-------------------|--|--|---|
| |  |  |  |
| Trajectory | Single Trajectory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll to wings-level Pull 5-6g or 18°–20° angle-of-attack Over 30,000 f/m climb rate | Multi-Trajectory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wings-level 40° left and right bank 1,000 f/m climb rate | Multi-Trajectory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 and ±30° bank Vy+10 climb rate Modified chandelle |
| Attitude | All Attitude <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Dive | Limited Attitude <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ±60° bank 45° dive Does not support nadir | Limited Attitude <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ±60° bank 45° dive Does not support nadir |
| Envelope | Near-All Envelope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 2g available Mach 2+ All store loadings | All Envelope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 to 80 knots < 1,500 feet above ground | All Envelope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above stall to Vmax All altitudes All gross weights |



System Senses Collision Threat

Digital terrain map (DTM)

- Array of terrain elevations
- Oriented to latitude & longitude

Provided by third party

- Civil: U.S. Geological Survey
- Military: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
- Supporting wide customer base

The image shows a 3D visualization of a Digital Terrain Map (DTM) with a flight path overlaid. The terrain is rendered in shades of green and brown, representing elevation. A red line indicates the flight path, and a blue line shows a specific trajectory. The text "6 arc-sec" is visible in the bottom left corner, and the Google logo is in the bottom right corner.

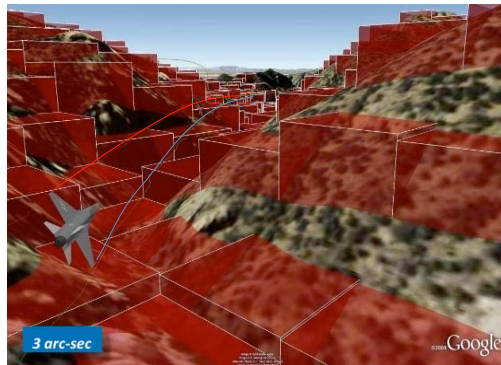
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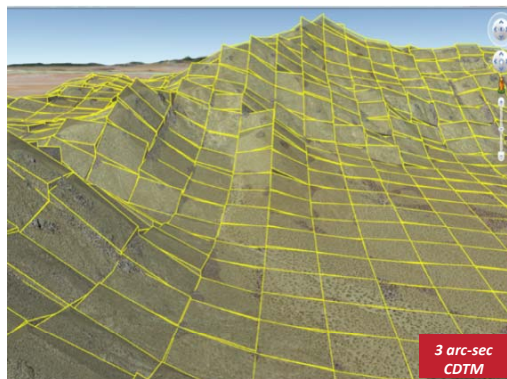
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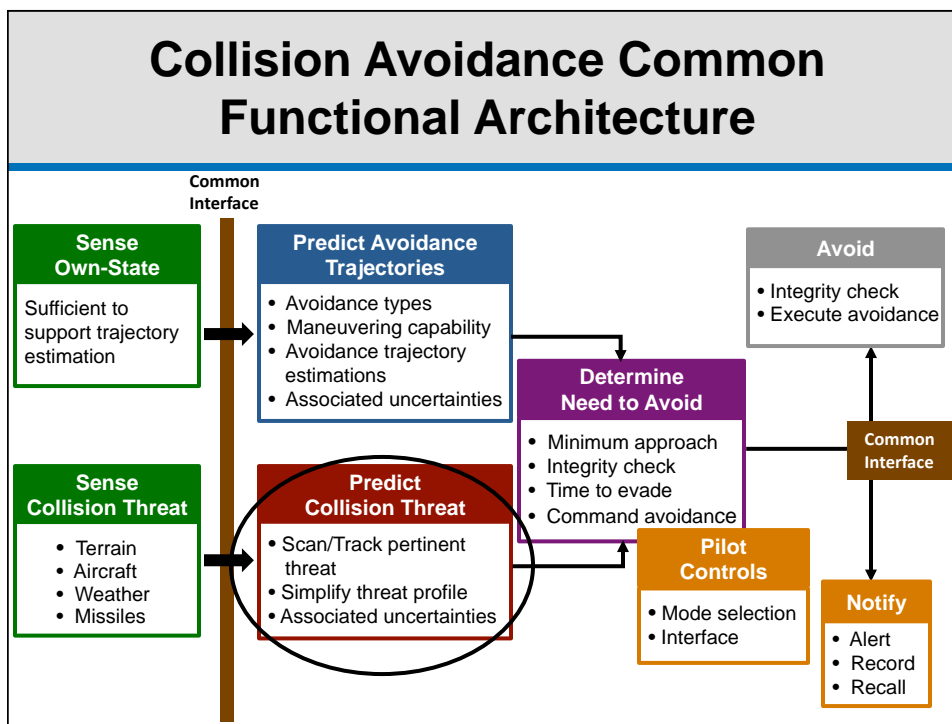
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|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| F-16 System | | Small UAV & GA (SR22) Systems | |
| Digital Terrain Map |  | |  |
| | Digital Terrain Elevation Data (DTED) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular array Even spacing | | Compressed Digital Terrain Map (CDTM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-regular array Size and fidelity adjustable to user requirements |
| Map Size | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~70 meg ~5°x5° lat/long — ~90k sq. mi. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~180 meg 80°N to 80°S — ~194M sq. mi. |



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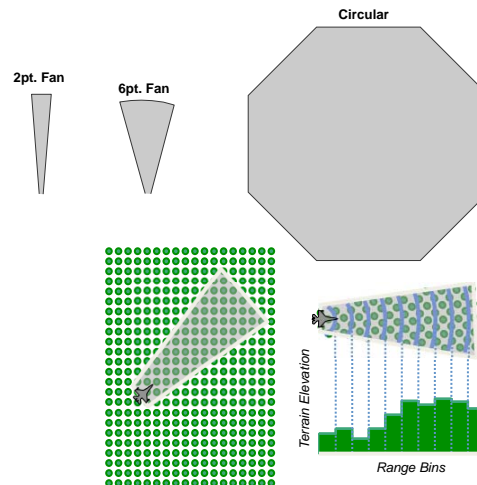
Terrain processing
(scanning)

Subsample terrain data

- Terrain near aircraft

Simplify to 2-dimensional
profile

- Preparation to compare
to avoidance trajectory



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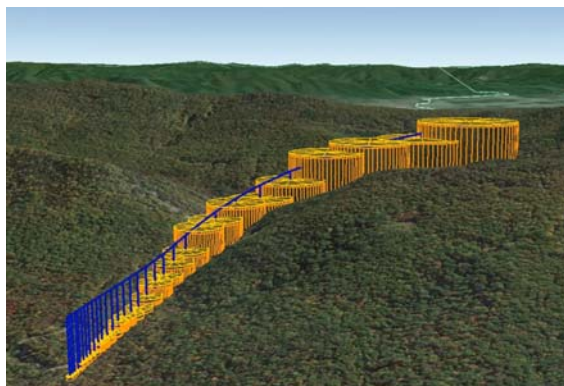
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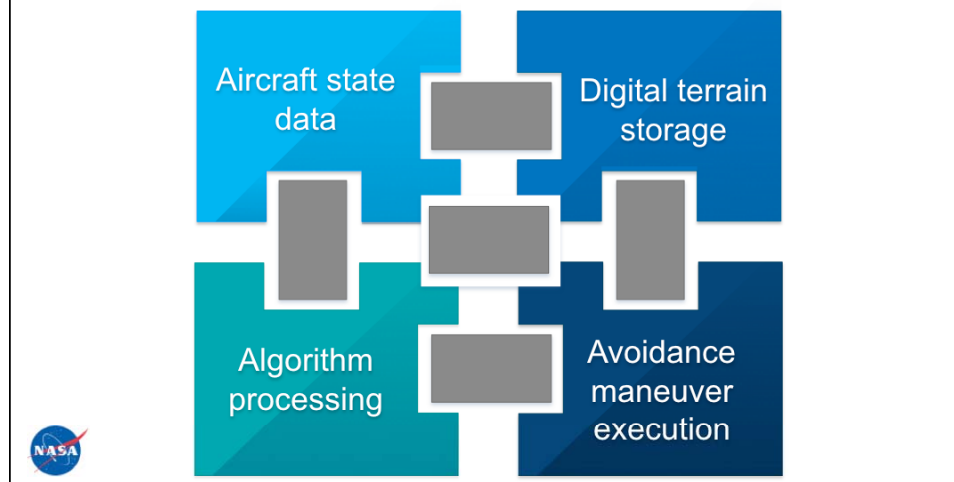


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| Sub-Sample Approach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various geometric shapes • Dependent on aircraft state | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trajectory-based <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ground track — Track uncertainty • Aircraft agnostic |
| 2-Dimensional Profile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~Regularly spaced bins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-regular spaced bins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Track uncertainty |

Integration and Installation

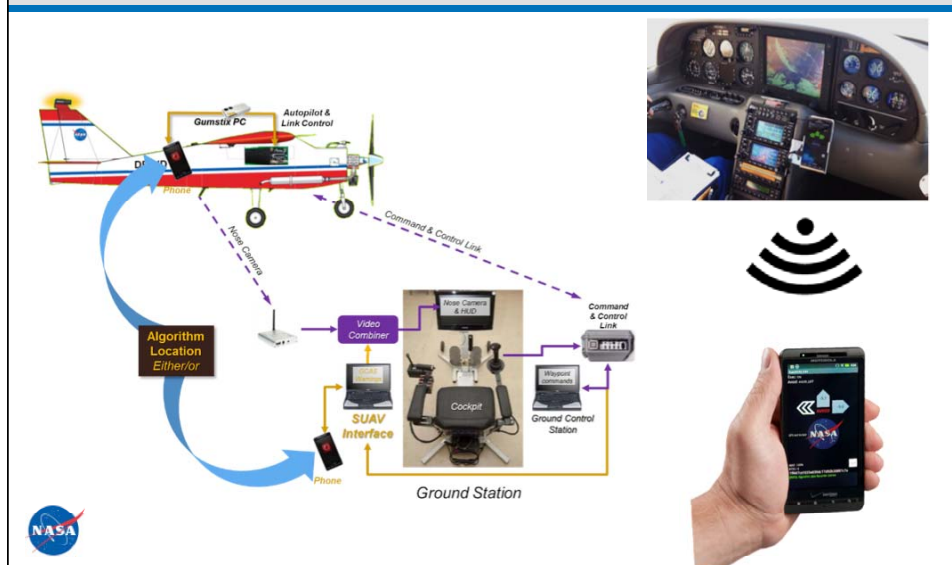
Pulling together system components



Integration Is Flexible

| | <i>Semi-automatic</i> | <i>Fully automatic</i> | <i>Manual</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | F-16 System | Small UAV System | GA System (SR22) |
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| Aircraft State Data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1553 mux | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RS-232 to USB Command-and-control link | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USB or wireless from research computer |
| Digital Terrain Storage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced data transfer cartridge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micro-SD card | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micro-SD card |
| Algorithm Processing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced data transfer unit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Android smart phone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Android smart phone |
| Avoidance Maneuver Execution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-authority autopilot in FCS No auto-throttle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piccolo II autopilot | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot flown |

Integration Is Continuing to Evolve



Technology Overview

Testing and Evaluation



Testing: F-16

Collision Avoidance

Excellent prevention

- All historical F-16 CFIT mishaps covered

Nuisance-Free Flight Performance

- **High, low, and strafe (attacking):** Supports required missions
- **Air show:** Supports low-altitude split-S execution

Do No Harm

Works as designed



Testing: Small UAV

Collision Avoidance

Excellent protection

- Better than anticipated in winds/gusts
- Outperforms ability of ground observers

Nuisance-Free Potential

- Multi-trajectory mandatory for lower performing aircraft

Integrity Management



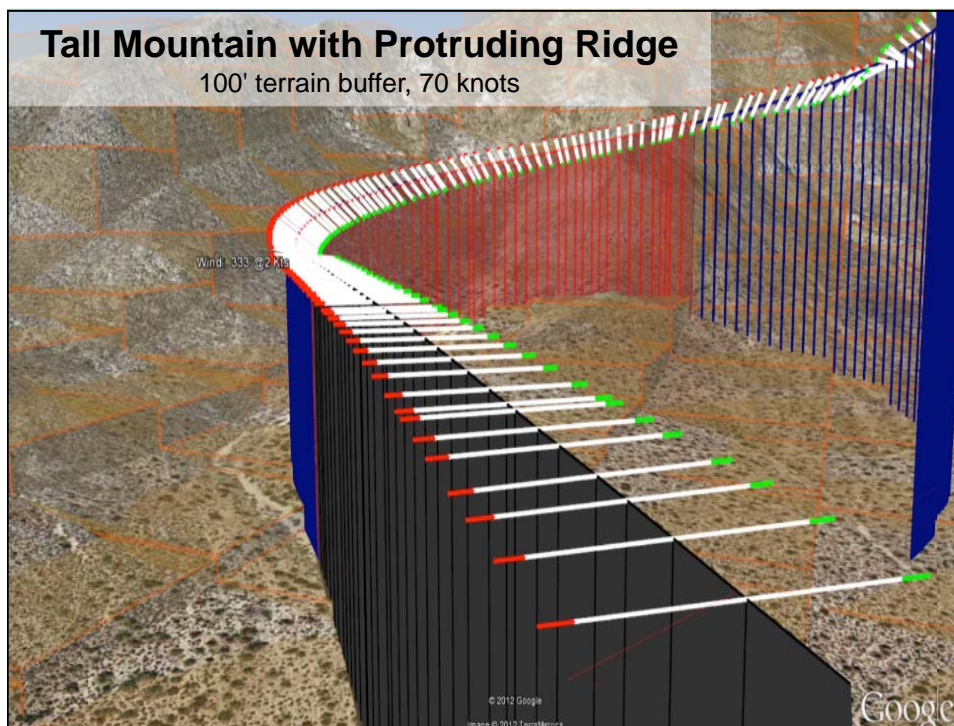
Improvements needed

- Phone-on-ground configuration requires more complex integrity monitoring



Tall Mountain with Protruding Ridge

100' terrain buffer, 70 knots



Testing: SR22

Integration Results

- 40 hours to modify algorithm to SR22
- 10 working days to integrate system

Results of 5 Flight Tests

- Characterization
- Collision avoidance
- Excellent mishap prevention
- Nuisance-free operations

Looking Ahead

- Better cuing required
- Appropriate pilot reaction time may be an issue



Do Not Impede

Note terrain resolution of commercial unit

Commercial unit warning with no buffer

System warning with artificial 1,350-ft buffer



SR22 run at system warning initiation

Technology Overview

Development Status



Current Status: What It Does Now

High-accuracy aircraft maneuver model

Advanced terrain handling

Multi-trajectory avoidance

Android OS/Nexus 4

Experimental wireless interface



Current Status: Recent Improvements

Summer 2014

- Pilot-vehicle interface
 - Warning displays
 - Preference settings
- Conventional wireless interface
- Easy aircraft adaptation for EFBs



Demonstration: Fall 2014



Future Goals and Implementations

Goals

- Accurate collision avoidance for all aircraft
- Automatic and manual versions

Possible Formats

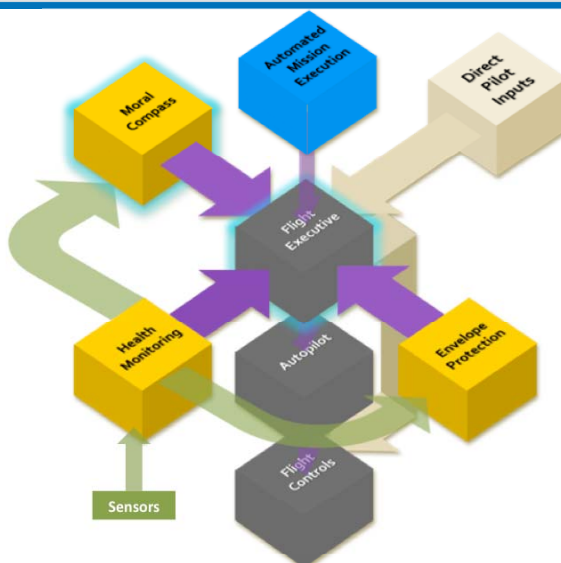
- Fully automated ground collision avoidance
- Glass cockpit warning system
- Electronic flight bag (EFB) or phone warning system with wireless sensor inputs
- Stand-alone version using smart-device sensors



Roadmap – Vehicle Autonomy

Ground collision avoidance is the first in a series of planned autonomy systems

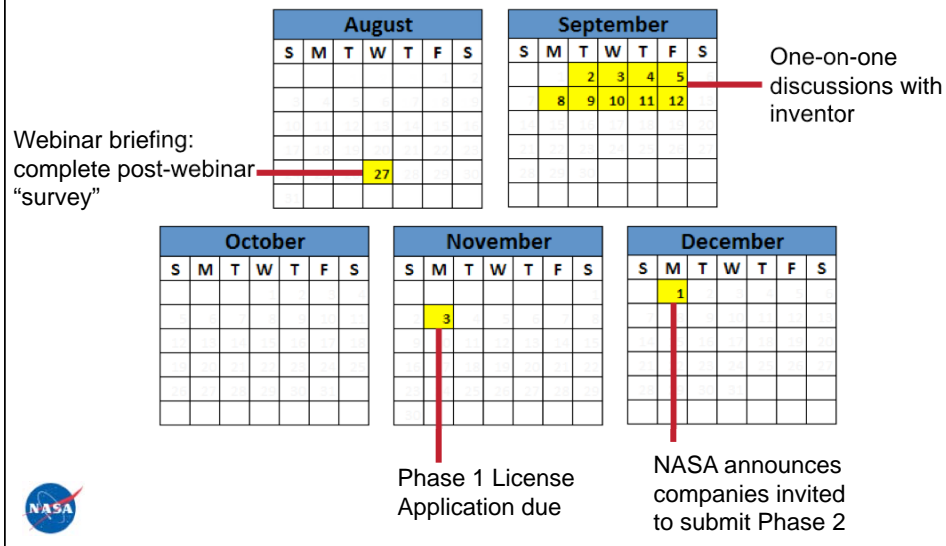
This comprehensive web will enable vehicle autonomy as provide warning systems



Licensing Opportunities



Armstrong Licensing Agreement Process



Armstrong Licensing Agreement Process

Follow-on steps:

- Phase 2 License Application (by invitation)
- Phase 3 commercialization plan discussions
- NASA drafts license agreement
- Negotiate license language
- Execute license



One-on-One Discussions

| September | | | | | | |
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Opportunity for each company to speak directly with the inventor for 30 minutes

- Ask questions
- Discuss company-specific information

Covered by Uniform Trade Secrets Act

- Not be shared publicly
- Not shared with other companies

Non-confidential discussion
(no NDAs signed)



Request a meeting at <http://www.meetme.so/DanielleMcCulloch>

Phase 1 License Application

| November | | | | | | |
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Enables evaluation of benefits for NASA, taxpayers, and the company

All offers will be evaluated at the same time

- Maximize benefits through simultaneous, strategic selection
- Not all applicants can be accepted due to limited inventor availability



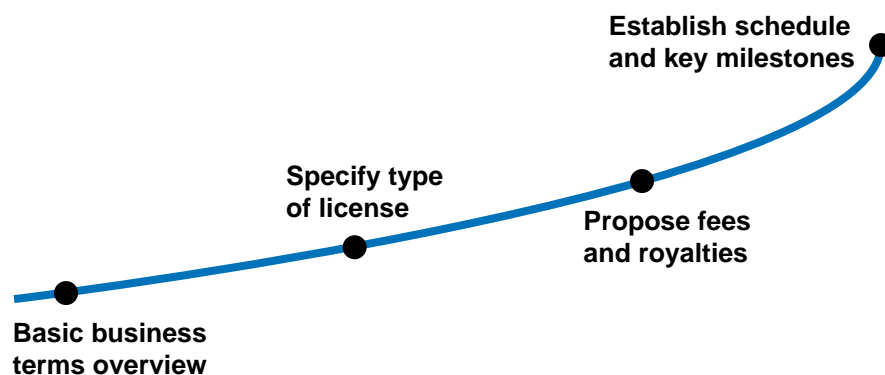
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- Capabilities
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- Appendix
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Initial Offer



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Basic Business Terms

Which NASA invention(s)

Fields of use, period of time, or geographic area

- Limit to areas where licensee intends to market

Highlight any significant terms or conditions



Type of License

Exclusive or Partially Exclusive

- Must be substantially manufactured in the U.S. for products sold in U.S.
- Sub-licensing allowed
- Patent cost reimbursement

Non-Exclusive

- No sub-licensing
- U.S. manufacturing not required
- Pro-rated patent cost reimbursement
- Multiple licensees



Fees



Upfront fee

Patenting costs



Royalties



Running Royalty

Paid at least annually

- Based on Net Sales*
- Specify preferred metric (e.g., units)
- Ascending/Descending royalty structure

Minimum annual royalties

Non-royalty sublicensing payments
– *For exclusive license*



*Net Sales (as defined in license) =
gross sales – (returns + discounts + shipping/insurance + taxes/duties)

Schedule and Key Milestones

Annual reports

Milestone examples

- ✓ Prototype demonstration
- ✓ Manufacturing process development
- ✓ Funding/Investments (especially for startups)
- ✓ Marketing of product
- ✓ Achievement of sales



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Pro Forma Income Statement

- Years until positive cash flow **plus** 2 more years
- Only for the product line using NASA's technology
- Include proposed royalty payments and minimums
- Ensure assumptions are clear



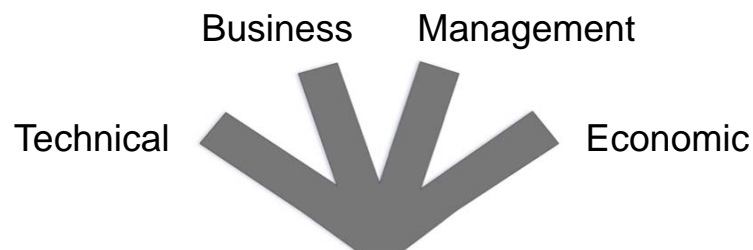
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Sample *Pro Forma* Income Statement

| | | | | | |
|----|---|-------------|--|-------------|--|
| 1 | Instructions: Please use this Pro Forma template in support of Part 1 of the license application. | | | | |
| 2 | Complete only the green shaded boxes. All other values will be calculated from your inputs. | | | | |
| 3 | Product: | ABC | | | Royalty Rate Structure |
| 4 | | | | | Annual rate inc. or dec. |
| 5 | | | Current values are for example only. Please provide accurate and appropriate estimates for your company and product offering. | | Starting Royalty Rate |
| 6 | Percentage of Product Attributable to Licensed Technology: | 80.0% | | | 7.0% |
| 7 | Discount / Risk Rate | 7.0% | | | Annual Change in Royalty Rate (Increase or Decrease) |
| 8 | Company Financials | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | 1.0% |
| 9 | Revenue | | | | |
| 10 | Price per Unit | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | Repeat sections for each varied product types |
| 11 | Units Sold | 600 | 720 | 864 | |
| 12 | Projected Sales | \$3,000,000 | \$3,600,000 | \$4,320,000 | |
| 13 | Expenses | | | | |
| 14 | Cost of Goods Sold | \$1,500,000 | \$1,800,000 | \$2,160,000 | |
| 15 | Selling, General & Admin. Expenses | \$750,000 | \$900,000 | \$1,080,000 | |
| 16 | R&D Costs | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | \$150,000 | |
| 17 | Total Expense | \$2,450,000 | \$2,900,000 | \$3,390,000 | |
| 18 | Pre-Licensing Fee Margins | | | | |
| 19 | Net Profit | \$550,000 | \$700,000 | \$930,000 | Sum all revenues - Sum all expenses |
| 20 | Gross Margin (%) | 18.3% | 19.4% | 21.5% | |
| 21 | Licensing Fees | | | | |
| 22 | Up Front Licensing Fee | \$200,000 | | | |
| 23 | Royalty Rate | 7.00% | 7.07% | 7.14% | |
| 24 | Royalty Payment | \$210,000 | \$254,520 | \$308,478 | |
| 25 | Minimum Annual Royalty Payment | \$100,000 | \$200,000 | \$300,000 | |
| 26 | Actual Royalty | \$410,000 | \$254,520 | \$308,478 | |
| 27 | Cumulative NPV of Royalty Revenue | \$410,000 | \$605,485 | \$857,295 | |

Evaluation Criteria

Four types of factors:



Not all qualified companies will be granted a license.
Submit your best offer.



Negotiations

Finding the win-win

Negotiable Items

- Type of license
- Field of use
- Upfront licensing fee
- Running royalty rate
- Yearly minimums
- Milestones



Negotiations

Finding the win-win

Non-Negotiable Items

- NASA/U.S. government retains irrevocable, royalty-free rights to technology for noncommercial uses
- March-in rights
- Indemnity and warranty



**Agreement(s)
Signed**

- ## NASA Monitoring of Commercialization

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The image shows four calendar grids for the months of August, September, October, and November. Each grid has columns for the days of the week (S, M, T, W, T, F, S) and rows for the weeks. In the August grid, the date 27 is circled. In the September grid, the dates 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are circled. In the October grid, no date is circled. In the November grid, the date 3 is circled.

Questions

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